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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s) : Hans Weiher, et al.

Application : 10/644,325 Confirmation

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New York, New York 10020

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to file a response to the November 13, 2003 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. With the extension, a response is due on Febuary 13, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed

herewith. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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